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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5838

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

S E C R E T LONDON 16300

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PORS, LE

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN BEIRUT

1. WE CONVEYED INFO IN BEIRUT'S 12962 TO WILLIAMS, FCO  
DESK OFFICER FOR LEBANON, ON OCTOBER 23, NOTING IMPOR-  
TANCE OF SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT ON WHICH AMERICAN FIRMS  
HAVE SO FAR DEPARTED BEIRUT.

2. WILLIAMS UNDERTOOK TO HELP KEEP BBC REPORTING ON THIS  
ISSUE IN LINE, HE NOTED TODAY'S "TELEGRAPH" FRONT-PAGED  
ITEM DESCRIBING QUEUES FORMING AT BRITISH EMBASSY IN  
BEIRUT TO REGISTER, BUT ADDED THAT THIS IS ESSENTIALLY  
UP-DATING SINCE BRITISH EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY  
BRITISH SUBJECTS HAVE LEFT. WILLIAMS MENTIONED CONTINUED  
PRESENCE OF ROYAL NAVY COMMANDO CARRIER IN MEDITERRANEAN,  
AND ASKED IF HE COULD BE KEPT POSTED ON WHAT AVAILABLE  
UNITS US NAVY HAS IN AREA AND HOW MANY POTENTIAL US  
EVACUEES IN LEBANON WE ARE PLANNING FOR AT PRESENT.

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